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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH

Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016
13850 Travilah Rd., Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Michelle Hawkins, Alan Kaplan, Kathy Mann Koepke, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Fabienne Santel, and. Ulder Tillman.

Members Absent: Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Helen Lettlow, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Tonya Saffer, Robyn Simmons, and Wayne Swann, and Bridget Ware

Staff Present: Ellen Segal

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings

- **Approval of Minutes** – A motion to approve the October 2016 minutes was made by Dr. Alan Kaplan and seconded by Dr. Sheela Modin. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
Next Meetings – The next COH meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. The following meeting will be held February 16, 2016 at 1301 Piccard Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, Rockville, Maryland, 20850.

***Please note there is no December meeting for COH.**

3.0 Zika Update – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman – Dr. Tillman presented a Zika update with the following highlights.

- Zika is spread primarily through the bite of an Aedes species mosquito infected with the Zika virus.
- Zika can be transmitted in several ways:
 - Mosquito bites
 - From a pregnant woman to her fetus
 - Sexual contact
 - Blood transfusion
- Most people infected with Zika won't know they have the disease because they won't have symptoms.
- Zika virus can pass from a pregnant woman to her fetus during pregnancy or around the time of delivery. Severe birth defects may result (such as microcephaly and other neurologic impacts).
- The Brazil Ministry of Health is reporting an increased number of people with Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). The CDC is investigating a possible link between Zika and GBS.
- There is no specific medicine or vaccine for the Zika Virus.
- Maryland has a Zika response plan that is activated by any of the following triggers:
 - Any detection of the Aedes Aegypti mosquito;
 - Threshold levels for the Aedes Albopictus mosquito; or
 - Travel-associated cases of active Zika virus infection.

- The response plan includes:
 - The Maryland Department of Agriculture setting traps in the suspected area
 - Door-to-door outreach within 150 yards of the identified area
- The total number of cases in the Maryland-National Capital Region as of November 9, 2016 was 54.

4.0 Healthy Montgomery 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman

The information provided for this update is current as of November 15, 2016.

- The top three “What We Can Do” Healthy Montgomery Strategies were:
 - Health in All Policies;
 - Integrating behavioral health programs in primary care settings, and
 - Develop combined diet and physical activity promotional programs.
- Healthy Montgomery plans to continue the following work:
 - Developing Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) materials for dissemination to the community.
 - Revisiting fifteen community conversation groups.
 - Continuing rapid action planning for each of the three priority activities.
 - Developing a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
 - Implementation of CHIP will take place 2017-2019.

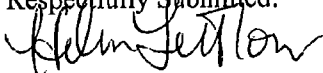
5.0 New Business

- Mitchell Berger discussed the results from COH Retreat survey. COH members were very pleased with the retreat location, overall felt the presenters were interesting/useful, and appreciated the opportunity for workgroups to determine steps to achieve outcomes in the upcoming year.
- Letters of recommendation in support of accreditation will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- A list of current COH liaisons to other County Boards, Committees and Commissions and liaison vacancies was included in the meeting packet. Dan suggested that those who do not currently have a liaison assignment sign up for one of the vacancies.

6.0 Motion to Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Helen Lettlow
Commission on Health

**Public Health Services
Chief's Report
October, 2016**

SUCCESES AND GOOD NEWS

- For the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program received a Proclamation from the Montgomery County Council.
- The Addressing Disparities in Cancer Task Force began in October. It is a collaboration between the Montgomery County Cancer Crusade, the Primary Care Coalition, local hospitals, and Safety Net Clinics with the objective to reduce mortality rates due to cancer in the African American community in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.
- The Maryland Cancer Collaborative (MCC) which is a statewide coalition of volunteers who work to implement the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, has awarded the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County the 2016 Exemplary Collaboration Award for Addressing Disparities in Cancer Task force. The award will be conferred at the 23rd Annual Maryland State Council on Cancer Control Cancer Conference November 15, 2016.
- Disease Control Nurse Administrator partnered with Animal Services and both were interviewed by WHAG for a spot named "What to do if you find a bat in your house".

HOT SPOTS

- Both merit staff (CSA and CHN) from Refugee Health clinic have been placed in alternate positions within DHHS. Roving team CHN comes for a few hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays to provide follow up services to those refugees and asylees that were previously scheduled. Most follow up appointments will be completed by the close of December. A procedure for TB Class B Waiver services for refugees at CCI is in process and should be finalized soon.

UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES

Licensing & Regulatory

- L&R launched an Office 365 "app," created by Anna Zenner, that allows Disease Control to upload reports of confirmed foodborne outbreaks for L&R investigation. This allows for streamlining the process, reducing errors and improved record keeping.
- L&R completed annual inspection and re-licensure of all private education institutions.

School Health

- School Health Services began orientation of 8 staff, including 7 substitute School Health Room Technicians. They began their six-week orientation to become Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medication Technicians with the Maryland Board of Nursing and will be assigned to schools on an as needed basis. Additionally, one substitute School Community Health Nurse is also attending orientation.

Immunization Program

- The Immunization program partnered with the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) and provided a community based free Flu clinic at the campus in Rockville, Maryland. USG provided the facility and a staff of over 100 students and instructors. DHHS provided the vaccine and other supplies. Again, the partnership with DHHS and USG allowed nursing and pharmacy students to provide flu vaccines to the community. 690 doses of flu vaccines were administered.

Tuberculosis Control

- 56 TB disease cases reported to CDC (not counting an additional 2-3 to be reported for this month).
- Planning for the first and second rounds of the Montgomery College contact investigations is underway.
- Second round for Sligo Creek Genesis nursing home contact investigation is planned for this week and next week.
- One CSA/DOT worker continues to be on extended leave. CSA from STD Program is providing some support with DOT three days per week.

- TB Program hosted its first Meet and Greet on last Thursday, which was very productive. The visiting Infection Control team was from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Washington Adventist Hospital will be invited to attend in November, 2016.

Disease Control

- 49 Montgomery County residents were sent for Zika testing of which 8 were confirmed or probable cases, 36 were pregnant, of which 6 immigrated to Montgomery County in their last trimester and 4 went on to deliver shortly after arriving; one mom was Zika positive and 3 moms were Flavivirus NOS (unable to identify specific virus). All babies born without microcephaly and were entered in the Zika Birth Registry.
- Disease Control nurses conducted 24 case investigations for foodborne illness and 25 animal bite investigations. The pertussis outbreak at a pediatric practice in Takoma Park continued from last month. The physician has collected 60 specimens in the past 60 days (mostly from infants younger than age 2 months) and roughly 50% were PCR Positive. The physician is submitting dual specimens (one to private lab and one to DHMH) many of the results have been contradictory. CDC, DHMH, Prince Georges County, and Montgomery County are looking at variables such as the private lab's processing technology, the type of specimen kit used by the physician and the procedure for specimen collection, as well as points of possible contamination with DTaP.

HIV Program

- The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. As of October 1st, the HOPWA housing program has filled 56 of the 60 available slots. We expect that all 60 slots will be filled by the beginning of 2017.
- The DAHC Dental Clinic is pleased to welcome the following new staff: Colin Watson, DDS (Dentist) and Yonette Simpson, (Hygienist)

Care for Kids

- CFK continues to have significantly higher overall enrollment with a 38% higher number of new enrollees compared with last year at this time. Some good news--Kaiser Permanente has been working closely with PCC and has further clarified their intent to allow a significant increase in enrollment of Care for Kids to Kaiser through December 2016. PCC's Care for Kids manager is trying to maximize the number of newly enrolled to Kaiser each month as well as to fill any slots that may have opened from children not re-certifying.

Dental

- The Montgomery County Dental Program is experiencing an increase in demand and wait times for services at its 5 clinics in this first quarter of FY17, and is serving significantly more residents compared to last year at this time.

Maternity Partnership

- Maternity Partnership Program's FY17 enrollment year to date had a decrease compared with last year at this time. It may be due partly to a change in eligibility rules for Medical Assistance which now cover pregnant women and children who have legal visas. The program staff will monitor the enrollment trend to see if it remains lower than last year.

Montgomery Cares

- Montgomery Cares enrollment and utilization is holding steady compared with last year's number of enrolled residents. The Montgomery Cares 2.0 workgroups reconvened in late October to further refine some of the recommendations and suggest a timeline for implementation of each recommendation. The goal is to complete the 2.0 Implementation Plan by December 2016.
- The People's Community Wellness Center, DHHS, PCC and Mobile Medical Care met in early October, and are collaborating on plans to assure a smooth transition of patients to Mobile Medical Care or other Montgomery Cares clinics, per the patient's choice. People's will see their last clinic patients at the end of November. Mobile Medical Care will continue to provide services to Montgomery Cares patients in that clinic space, at the East County Regional Services Center, where they have shared clinic space with Peoples on alternate days and evenings for the past six years.

Healthcare for the Homeless

- The Health Care for Homeless Program is pleased to welcome Samnang Wu as its new Community Support Worker to assist the nurse case manager. (Sam was formerly with the DHHS Refugee Health Program.) Since hypothermia season begins November 1st, she will be helpful as we gear up to serve the large number of Homeless residents who will be using the shelters and overflow shelters this fall and winter.

STATISTICS

Program: Montgomery Cares	Sep-16
Patients	4,959
YTD Patients	10,359
Encounters	5,941
YTD Encounters	17,049
Program: MC Homeless Health	Sep-16
Patients	10
YTD Patients	38
Encounters	19
YTD Encounters	62
Program: Care for Kids (Quarterly)	Sep-16
New enrollments	149
YTD new enrollments	413
YTD Participants	4,030
Program: Maternity Partnerships	Sep-16
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	141
YTD Patients	442
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	140
YTD Patients	439
Number of teens enrolled	8
YTD teen enrollment	32
Number of first trimester entries into Maternity Partnership for <u>each month</u> .	55
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	42%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	185
Fetal losses	2
YTD fetal losses	5
Program: Dental Health	Sep-16
Maternity:	
New patients	116
YTD patients	480
Encounters	174
YTD Encounters	558
Children:	
New patients	248
YTD patients	772
Encounters	349
YTD Encounters	1024
Adults:	
New patients	145

YTD patients	624
Encounters	264
YTD Encounters	790
Seniors:	
New patients	132
YTD patients	373
Encounters	194
YTD Encounters	467
TOTAL:	
New patients	641
YTD patients	2249
Encounters	981
YTD Encounters	2839
Program: Infants at Risk (IAR)	Sep-16
Number of Infant at Risk (IAR) referrals received from hospitals or providers	7
YTD Number	42
Number of referrals received from DHMH or providers for children lead levels > 10ug/dl	4
YTD Number	15
Program: Maternity Partnership	Sep-16
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by School Health Services	6
YTD Number	8
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Community Health Services by DACCT	4
YTD Number	23
Program: Environmental Health Services	Sep-16
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	488
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	1014
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	697.3
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	2092.8
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	143
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	283
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	74
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	1837
Program: Healthcare Services	Sep-16
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	0
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	4
Number of nursing homes	34
Program: Health Room	Sep-16

Number of visits by students who return to class after and are ready to learn following health room intervention	33657
Number of visits by students with a health room intervention	37932
Program: SBH/WC	Sep-16
Number of visits each month to the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (non cumulative)	784
Number of clients enrolled in the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (cumulative)	7706
Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)	Sep-16
Number of VFC vaccinations administered	2020
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients	1631